

## 4 May 2017 (Term 2 Week 3)

Queens Beach State School

Ph 4791 3111

Office Hours - 08.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. Mon - Fri

Event	Day / Date
School Times	Start Time: 8:40 a.m. Finish: 2:45 p.m.
Lunch Breaks	1 <sup>st</sup> Break Lunch 10.45 to 11.30 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break Lunch 1.00 to 1.30 p.m.
Banking	Tuesdays
Parade	Wednesdays 8:50 a.m. School Hall
Free Play Group	Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30am, 0 – 5 Years, at Queens Beach State School
P&C Meeting	Monday 8 May 2017 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block Please attend to support our school
Naplan	Tuesday 9 May to Thursday 11 May 2017
Bookfair	Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May 2017
Field Event Trials	Friday 9 June 2017
Under 8's Day	Friday 16 June 2017
Athletics Carnival	Tuesday 20 June 2017
Year 6 Camp in Mackay	Wednesday 2 August to Friday 4 August 2017
School Watch	Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### NAPLAN:

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is the annual NAPLAN testing for our year 3 and 5 students. We have purposefully kept NAPLAN as low key as possible. There is no need to increase students' anxiety, as this is a point in time exam. Each morning the students will have a fruit break before each test. Tuesday is the big day with 2 tests (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday (Reading) and Thursday (Numeracy). Good luck to all the students next week.

### STOP, DROP, GO ZONE:

It is great to see so many families using the stop drop go zone in the afternoon. One thing I noticed while on duty is some cars are parked cutting off entry to the parking spaces in the middle. Can I ask that we keep that area free to allow families to park in the middle section to collect their children.

### SNAKES WITNESSED IN THE SCHOOL:

We had a brown snake in the school playground on Tuesday and subsequently students have been observing snakes ever since. What was disappointing was the students not listening to staff instruction to keep away from the area. Could you please remind students about the importance of following instructions and when a snake is witnessed to always keep an eye on the snake at all times.

## VERBAL AND PHYSICAL BEHAVIOUR:

We have notice a little bit of physical and verbal behaviour in the playground. Our rules are Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. I reiterated to the students on assembly the importance of keeping hands and feet to themselves- this is not showing safe behaviour. Some students have not shown respectful language which sometimes turns to physical behaviour. There is zero tolerance for physical and verbal behaviour that is not compliant to school rules.

### OVERVIEW:

Having lived in Bowen for nearly a month now, I wanted to thank everyone for making me feel welcome to the community. Queens Beach State School is a great school, I witness excellent relationships between staff, families and students. The school has a great 'feel'. My supervisor Melissa Jackson visited on Tuesday and as we visited the classrooms- she was impressed with the students that she spoke with and the teaching and learning that was occurring in the classrooms. If you haven't already, come and say hello. I will try and get out and about in the mornings to say hello to you all.

### CONFIDENCE:

The students have been working on confidence in their 'You Can Do It Lessons', here are some affirmations to keep handy to remind the children (and adults) when our confidence is low.

- Not being overly concerned about making mistakes
- Trying different activities without fear
- Being independent but not separate

Have a great fortnight.

### YEAR 6 CAMP-NEW DATES

The new dates for the Year 6 Camp are Term 3, Wednesday 2 August to Friday 4 August.

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### BOOK FAIR

Bookfair is on Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May.

Supporting our Book Fair earns books for our Library.

If you need gifts for birthdays, special occasions or Christmas please consider purchasing them from our Book Fair. Your children will be able to tell you about their favourite authors or series which are available for sale this week.



## STUDENT MESSAGES

If you have a message that you need given to your child could you please endeavour to phone the school office before 2:15pm. By doing so, this will assist the office staff to relay the messages to students before the bell. It would also be greatly appreciated if these messages could be kept to a minimum as it is disruptive to classroom learning.

### LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

All students and parents are reminded when students arrive to school after 8:50 am, they are to come via the Office to receive a late slip to pass onto classroom teachers. Could parents please come into the Office and sign their children out if they are leaving before the 2.45pm bell.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, please give the office a call before 9:00 am on 4791 3111 or drop in to let us know the reason of absence so that we can mark the roll for the Teacher. If you receive a text message from QBSS to say your child is absent from school please let the school know a reason by returning a text message.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed address, phone or contact details please remember to let the school office know so we have the correct information for your child. It makes it difficult to get in contact with parents when we do not have the correct information. If you are unsure what details we have saved you are welcome to come in and check with the office staff.

### FREE QSCHOOLS APP

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### QBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2017

- Attendance daily – 95% or more
- 40% or more of students in Top 2 Academic Bands
- 85% or more with C or Higher in English

Date	%Attendance	Date	%Attendance
Fri 21 April	92.86%	Fri 28 April	88.10%
Mon 24 April	87.33%	Mon 1 May	Labour Day
Tues 25 April	Anzac Day	Tues 2 May	93.14%
Wed 26 April	94.50%	Wed 3 May	93.59%
Thurs 27 April	95.65%	Thurs 4 May	91.53%

NB Bowen Police Liaison Officer and Bingalie Project Officer support families in increasing their attendance rate from below 80% to 95% or higher.

### SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Thomas Hansson who is representing North Queensland playing Rugby League in June.

## P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7:00pm in the Staffroom in B Block.

Thanks, Catherine Kirkpatrick (Treasurer).

## THE BEACH HUT-OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

### CARE

The Beach Hut currently has vacancies for before and after school care. The Beach Hut operates Monday to Friday and is located on the grounds of Queens Beach State School. Before School Hours are 6:00 am to 8:30 am. After School Hours are 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Please phone Daniel for more information on 4785 0055.

### SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories.

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card;
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension;
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Further details are available by telephoning 4951 8673. Application forms are available from the school office.

### COOINDA FAMILY CENTRE

20 WILLIAMS STREET

PHONE-4786 2111



Just behind the Neighbourhood Centre

Cooinda is offering the following programs to families.

**Monday 1:30 to 2:30pm Bounce Back** - Teaches your children skills to help navigate the challenges: bullying, changes and being resilient.

**Tuesday 9:30 to 11:30am Set for Life** - Learn from Community Visitors, chat with other parents & make your own scrapbooking project.

**Wednesday 9:30 to 11:30am – Stay 'n Play** - \$2.50 per family.

**Thursday 9:30 to 11:30am** – Younga Yabo Yalaren (Girudala), Gold Coin Donation

Child Dental Benefit Scheme through Medicare for eligible families

**Kylie's**  
Family Dental

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 8.00AM-5.00PM

General Family Dental • Dentures • Repairs • Mouthguards

51 George Street Bowen  
For Appointment Phone 4786 3589